

# **RUMSON RECREATION COMMISSION**

**June 19, 2013**

## **Minutes**

### **Attendance**

Chairman Lembeck called the regular meeting to order at 7:10pm. The following members were present: Lembeck, Chandler, McGinty, Shanley, and Council members Day and DeVoe. Commission member Bavuso arrived at 7:30pm and left at 8:45pm. Members Dengler and MacGillis were absent.

Also present: Sarah Orsay, Recreation Director

### **Public Portion**

No members of the public were present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Shanley called for approval of the May 2013 Minutes, Ms. Chandler seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Chairman's Announcements**

None.

### **Director's Report**

#### **Parks**

**Meadow Ridge** – The work on the Meadow Ridge East bathrooms by Eagle Scout Kyle Burnett were completed and the space is much improved.

**Forrestdale** – Borough Administrator Tom Rogers is arranging for Precise to return and re-evaluate if work can be done to improve the current, relatively poor field condition.

**Martello** – Girls LAX season is finished and Martello is being rested. Ms. Orsay is going to investigate whether AYF can move their Pee Wee practices to FH so the field can be rested throughout the Fall.

#### **Recreation Programs**

**Baseball** – Season over, uniform collection underway, which has been impeded somewhat as last game was cancelled due to inclement weather. Ms. Orsay is hoping to recruit high school volunteers through Coach Costello or the Key Club to help sort, clean and take inventory of the equipment.

The All-Star games with Fair Haven were a success and enjoyed by all participants. This year we awarded t-shirts rather than trophies.

**Travel Baseball** – Teams all indicated improvement and great enthusiasm, particularly among the younger age groups.

**Girls Lacrosse** – Season over, all equipment collected. No jerseys collected as will order new jerseys next year.

**RFH Rowing** – Steak & Bake Awards Dinner was June 1 and netted \$11,000. The volunteers, led by Rumson resident Colleen Duffney, did a fantastic job. The 50/50 paid over \$4000 to the winner!

**Travel Soccer** – Tryouts are over but there were a few glitches due to poor weather and limited field availability. We will improve the process next year by scheduling two mandatory and consecutive tryouts and families will be notified immediately. The immediate notification is potentially awkward as the spring season does not end until late June, but it seems the most fair solution so those who don't make it can try and join a different team.

**Travel Basketball** – Tryouts are over and went smoothly.

**Stand Up Paddle (SUP)** – Residents are enthusiastic about this new program and the first SUP Yoga and Kids Camp have already had sign ups.

**Summer program Registrations:** Registrations were due May 31 and we had over \$14K in registrations that day! Most latecomers have paid the \$25 Late fee with no complaint. We are requesting birth certificates for the Learn to Row programs given that Marine Law requires a personal flotation for those 13 and under.

**Summer Hoops:** The season begins July 1. Had difficulty recruiting enough coaches, but several volunteers stepped up to coach two age levels, which was much appreciated. We have 145 participants registered versus 160 last year. With more anticipated late registrants, we expect to be close to last years' number.

**Summer Playground:** Begins July 1. We have 250 registered so far, with is on par with last year's number.

**Fall Programs:** Fall Soccer and Flag Football registration was extended to June 14<sup>th</sup> from May 31<sup>st</sup>. On June 14<sup>th</sup> we had \$9K in registrations, an indication people are responding to higher late fee.

### **Special Events**

There were numerous non-Borough sponsored events this month. The **Rumson Run** was delayed due to heavy rain from Jun 7<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>. The **Pediatric Cancer Run** is a new event this year and will take place on Sunday, Jun 23. **Jay Dooley Foundation Basketball Tournament** will be on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross School.

**Family Fun Nights at Victory Park** kick off with Yosi & the SuperDads on July 7; Ron Albanese and the Polka Dots on July 28<sup>th</sup>, and Miss Sherri's Animal Band on Aug 11; TBD on Aug 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Projects**

**CPR/Emergency Training** – Officer Jeff Nixon will coordinate with Ms. Orsay for dates on this event. It will cost about \$22 per person, a mandatory Red Cross fee. Rumson EMS donates their time. We will need a minimum of 20 participants.

**Defibrillators in the Parks** - We are waiting for the state contract to be awarded.

### **Administrative**

**Background Checks** We are still transitioning from using the Megan Kanka Foundation forms to the generic Youth Volunteer form in which Rumson Recreation reimburses volunteers. We have posted step by step instructions on our Coaches Info page at [www.rumsonrec.org](http://www.rumsonrec.org).

### **Committee Reports**

**Baseball** – Mr. Bavuso and Ms. Orsay continue to explore a transfer from the EMSA league to a Shore town Little League. Next steps are to determine organizational structure – likely a 5 town charter – and costs.

**Travel Basketball** – Tryouts are completed, registration is underway and pre-season practices will start soon.

**RFH Rowing** – Mr. Bavuso informed the Commission that there was an informal parent meeting in late May with representatives from RFH Crew and the Borough sponsored RFH Rowing to discuss how to combine the two teams. The majority of parents present signed a document indicated they wanted merger talks to proceed. Additional high level meetings between the two teams are planned. Mr. Bavuso and Ms. Orsay will represent RFH Rowing.

**Flag Football** – Ms. Orsay reported that Flag Football is upgrading to jerseys from t-shirts for the 7/8 and older divisions. The RFHRHS Touchdown Club approached Ms. Orsay indicating they would like to be a \$1500 sponsor and have their logo added to the Flag Football jersey sleeves. Normally, Rumson Recreation does not allow sponsorships; however, given that the Touchdown Club is a non-profit, the sponsorship is promoting a related RFHRHS activity (football), and there is past precedence for this sponsorship, Mr. Rogers approved it pending Rec Commission approval. Mr. Bavuso raised that the motion be approved, Mr. McGinty seconded it, and the Commission members present unanimously approved it.

**Soccer** – Ms. Orsay indicated that Rec will offer a one week clinic the week of August 19th for Rec Soccer participants, one hour per day per age group, led by Jersey Premier Soccer's professional trainers as a way to kick start the season and warm up kids' skills.

**Travel Soccer** – Mr. McGinty indicated that tryouts are completed, all team are full, including BU12, which did end up having enough Rumson residents to field a team. Summer practices will be informal and Ms. Arleen Mulligan will manage the allocation of fields set aside by Recreation. He also mentioned that the existing Diadora uniforms have been discontinued so is looking for new uniforms.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The \$XX was paid out to Precise for [XX]. Given that reduced participation in baseball, Ms. Orsay indicated that fees registration fees may need to be raised next year. No decision will be made at this time and we need to also consider Little League fees, should we switch to that league.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

**Field / Facility Fees** – The Commission agreed that field fees should be charged for those organized groups not paying Recreation Registration Fees. The Commission will vote in August on a recommended fee schedule.

The session ended at 9:04pm and the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 21, 2013.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sarah Orsay  
Director of Parks & Recreation  
Borough of Rumson**